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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

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DATED: March 11, 2004

1. Type of Application

This is an Original Application.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §)

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Status

3. Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. §1.153 (Design) Application

Twenty-eight (28) Pages of Specification;

Six (6) Pages of Claims;

One (1) Page of Abstract; and

Ten (10) Sheets of Drawing Figures.

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) is attached.

5. Declaration or Oath

Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

7. Language

English.

8. Assignment

None.

9. Certified Copy

None are required.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

BASIC FEE

Standard Fee	\$385.00					\$385.00
EXCESS CLAIM FEE						
TOTAL OVER TWENTY		-			,	
	20	20	0	0	\$9.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT OVER THREE	3	-3	0	0	\$43.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT	1				\$145	\$0.00
ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION FEE					\$40.00	\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEES						\$385.00

- 11. Small Entity Status-Applicant specifically requests small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- 12. Request for International Type Search (37 C.F.R. §1.104(d))

 None required.
- 13. Authorization to Charge Fees

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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